RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 **EXPEDITED PROCEDURE GROUP ART UNIT 2832**

Date: December 10, 2003

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for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

PATENT 36856.801

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Takeyoshi IKEURA et al.

Serial No.: 09/863,078

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Title: TRANSFORMER

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Examiner: T. Nguyen

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), Applicants hereby petition for a TWOmonth extension of time to respond to the outstanding Office Action dated July 15, 2003, or until December 15, 2003.

Enclosed is a Credit Card Payment form for \$420.00 to pay the TWO-month extension fee in accordance with Rule 1.17(a)(2).

The Commissioner of Patents is authorized to charge any amount due, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-1353.

Respectfully submitted.

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